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FOR DERIAN AND HOLBROOKE FROM AMBASSADOR

EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: SREF, TH
SUBJ: HMONG INFLUX INTO NONG KHAI PROVINCE

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1. ALL OF US HERE HAVE BEEN DEEPLY CONCERNED WITH HUMANITARIAN ASPECTS OF THE HMONG EXODUS. WE HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN CONTINUING DIALOGUE WITH SENIOR AND LOCAL RTG OFFICERS BOTH IN BANGKOK AND IN NONG KHAI AREA SINCE WE RECEIVED THE FIRST REPORTS OF HMONG ATTEMPTS TO ENTER THAILAND. AS INDICATED REFS B, C, AND D IT APPEARS THAT RTG, PARTIALLY AS A RESULT OF OUR EFFORTS, IS NOW FULLY SENSITIVE TO THE PROBLEM AND IN FACT IS ALLOWING HMONG TO ENTER QUIETLY AND WITHOUT HINDRANCE.

2. I HAVE ALST TAKEN STEPS TO TRY TO GALVANIZE UNHCR AND THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES TO ADDRESS THE SERIOUS PROBLEMS CAUSED BY THE GROWING NUMBERS OF HMONG ENTERING
NONG KHAI AREA AND CROWDING
INTO NONG KHAI DETENTION CAMP AND LOCAL DETENTION AREAS. CAMA AND ICRC ARE ON THE SCENE AND MAKING DISTRIBUTION OF EMERGENCY
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PROVISIONS. JRC IS PROVIDING MEDICAL SUPPORT. WE HAVE ALSO ALERTED PRESS TO THE GENERAL SITUATION.

3. GIVEN ABOVE I WOULD NOT NOW RECOMMEND AN APPROACH EITHER HERE OR IN WASHINGTON ALONG LINES YOUR MESSAGE. HOWEVER, I HAVE MEETING WITH GENERAL PREM SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 22 TO DISCUSS BOTH NARCOTICS AND REFUGEE RELATED PROBLEMS. AT THAT TIME I

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WILL BRING UP THE HMONG SITUATION.
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